

REMARKS**I. Status of the claims:**

Claims 1-104 are currently pending in the application.

Claims 23-52 and 102-104 are allowed. The Examiner has made objections to claims 21, 73 and 95. Claims 1-20, 22, 53-72, 74-94 and 96-101 stand rejected.

By this Amendment, claims 1, 53, 75 and 100 have been amended. No new matter has been introduced.

II. Allowable Claims

Claims 23-52 and 102-104 have been allowed over the prior art.

III. Objection to Claims

Claims 21, 73 and 95 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicants acknowledge the Examiner's objection and reserve the right to amend these claims as suggested by the Examiner at a later time in the prosecution.

IV. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102(e)

The Examiner rejected claims 1-20, 22, 53-72, 74-94 and 96-101 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. 6,678 611 to Khavakh. More specifically, the Examiner alleges that Khavakh anticipates each and every limitations of the aforementioned claims.

Applicants have amended independent claims 1, 53, 75 and 100 to include at least all of the allowable subject matter, as best understood, from allowed claim 102. Further, claim 101, which was previously rejected, is believed to already contain at least all of the allowable subject matter of claim 102.

As a result, Applicants believe that claims 1-104 are now in condition for allowance, and respectfully request that the 35 U.S.C. §102(e) rejection be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims and allowance of the application.

AUTHORIZATION

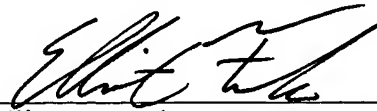
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for consideration of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 4208-4030. A DUPLICATE OF THIS DOCUMENT IS ATTACHED.

In the event that an extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 4208-4030. A DUPLICATE OF THIS DOCUMENT IS ATTACHED.

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